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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 2 p.m.

Senate

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SUSAN M. COLLINS, a Senator from the State of Maine.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, the superintendent of life's seasons, thank You for the gift of this day.

Lord, the paralyzing snow reminds us that to everything there is a season, a time for every matter and purpose under Heaven. Give our lawmakers the wisdom to seize the opportunities of the myriad seasons. May it never be said about their labors that the harvest has past but the work has been left undone. Lord, inspire them to seize the seasons of planting and reaping, of removing and building, of speaking and listening, of weeping and laughing, of dividing and uniting, of scattering and gathering. May the opportunities provided in this season enable our Senators to be Your ambassadors on Earth.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 26, 2016.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SUSAN M. COLLINS, a Senator from the State of Maine, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

Ms. COLLINS thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

MORNING BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Alaska is recognized.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2464

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2464) to implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for today with respect to the consideration of S. 2012 and the nomination in executive session be modified for tomorrow's session as follows: consideration of S. 2012 be for debate only until 2:15 p.m.; and that at 5:15 p.m. the Senate proceed to executive session to consider calendar No. 306 as under the previous order.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Hearing none, it is so ordered.

BLIZZARD OF 2016

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, before I complete the following close-out here, I want to make a comment this morning. What we have just done is move consideration of the energy bill—the Energy Policy Modernization Act—from today to tomorrow. It is a little bit unusual, but given what we have seen here, not only in Washington, DC, but all around the East

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